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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

~~EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN~~~~Western District of Michigan~~**Prisoner Civil Rights Complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983****Purpose**

This form is for use by state prisoners filing under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and federal prisoners filing pursuant to Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 288 (1971).

You may file a complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan if one or more of the named defendants is located within the Eastern District of Michigan or if the cause of action arose in this District.

**Filling out the form**

Fill out the attached form and answer each item completely in the space provided. All answers must be typewritten or legibly handwritten. You must file a separate complaint for each claim. If multiple claims are related to the same incident, issue, or defendant.

**1:25-cv-206**Robert J. Jonker  
U.S. District Judge

- You must provide a complete and accurate list of the name of each defendant, the address for each defendant, and the capacity in which each defendant is being sued.
- If additional pages are needed, they must be typed or neatly written on 8 ½ x 11" white paper and securely attached to the complaint.
- You must tell the truth and each plaintiff must sign and date the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.

**Filing Fee**

For the current filing fee, consult the Fee Schedule on the court's website at [www.mied.uscourts.gov](http://www.mied.uscourts.gov). You are obligated to pay the fee even if the court dismisses your complaint or you voluntarily dismiss your complaint.

**If unable to pay the filing fee, each plaintiff must:**

- Complete an Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis,
- Sign the Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, and
- Provide a certified copy of the prison trust fund account statement for the preceding 6 month period.

**If paying the fee:** Checks or money orders must be made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court" and sent with the complaint to the address indicated below. If you pay the filing fee when you file your complaint, you will be responsible for serving the defendants. (See Instructions for Preparation and Service of Summons Forms.)

**Submitting Forms**

When the complaint is fully completed, mail the original and one copy of the complaint along with all attachments to:

Office of the Clerk  
United States District Court  
~~231 W. Lafayette Boulevard, Fifth Floor~~  
~~Detroit, MI 48226~~

116 Michigan St  
Grand Rapids MI 49503

**Failure to comply with all of the instructions will result in unnecessary delays**

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Official Use Only		
Case Number	Judge	Magistrate Judge

## PRISONER CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

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Plaintiff's Information				
Name <u>ERIC LEE VANZANT</u>			Prisoner No. _____	
Place of Confinement <u>NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL</u>				
Street <u>P.O. BOX 845</u>	City <u>White Cloud</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip Code <u>49349</u>	
Are there additional plaintiffs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
If yes, any additional plaintiffs to this action should be listed on a separate 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and securely attached to the back of this complaint. <u>You must provide names, prisoner numbers and addresses for all plaintiffs.</u>				

Defendant's Information				
Name <u>PAUL C. McDONAGH</u>			Position <u>LAWYER</u>	
Street/P.O. Box <u>200 Ottawa Ave N.W.</u>	City <u>Grand Rapids</u>	State <u>MI</u>	Zip Code <u>49503</u>	
Are you suing this defendant in his/her: <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Capacity <input type="checkbox"/> Official Capacity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both Capacities				
Are you suing more than one defendant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
If yes, any additional defendants to this action should be listed on a separate 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and securely attached to the back of this complaint. <u>You must provide their names, positions, current addresses and the capacity (personal, official or both) in which you are suing them.</u>				

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**I. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS**

Have you filed any other lawsuits in state or federal court relating to your imprisonment?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," complete the following section. If "No," proceed to Part II.

Please list all prior civil actions or appeals that you have filed in federal court while you have been incarcerated.

Docket or Case Number:
Name of Court:
Parties (Caption or Name of Case):
Disposition:

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***Any additional civil actions should be listed on a separate sheet of 8½" x11" paper and securely attached to the back of this complaint.***



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**II. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

State here, as briefly as possible, the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant is involved. Include the names of other people, dates and places involved in the incident. Do not give any legal arguments or cite any cases or statutes.

ON OR About Feb, 2024 I was informed about a lawyer to help me with my legal case MR McDonagh came to the jail to see me we worked out a agreement for trail for 15000<sup>00</sup> at which time I gave him a cashiers check for the above amount The money was to go to trail nothing more or less After Receiving the money he visit me too to three times Said he couldnt go to trail on my case and out on me "Said I didnt have a choice" But Before taking my money Stated He could win the case He Broke the Agreement or Contract and stole my money

**III. STATEMENT OF CLAIMS**

State what rights under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States have been violated, and be specific. Set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. If you intend to allege several related claims, number and set forth each claim on a separate 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and securely attach the papers to the back of this complaint.

~~Allegation~~ MR McDonagh Violated my 14 amendment 5,6 Amendment to have a Right to A fair trail Violated my Due process Rights my Substantial Due process Rights the Due process clause such as the 14 Amendment the Interpretation of Liberty Interest such that Conduct as is Implicit in the nature of ordered Liberty. Is sufficiently fundamental to require strict Scrutiny of any law that Burdens it

**IV. RELIEF**

State briefly and exactly what you want the Court to do for you.

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Would like to have ME McDonagh license  
to practice Suspended or Revoked plus punitive  
Damages of 15000<sup>00</sup> Dollars Monetary Damages  
for the money BACK He stole from me

I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed (signed) on 2/14/25 (date).

ERIC LEE VANZANT

Signature of Plaintiff

Eric Vonzant  
P.O. Box 845  
White Cloud MI

49349

THIS MAIL HAS ORIGINATED  
FROM THE NEWAYGO COUNTY JAIL

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Western District of Michigan  
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